FOUR CORNERS FISHING ACCESS SITE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DECISION NOTICE

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Region Three, Bozeman November 9, 2007

Proposed Action

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposes to construct a new access road, cul-desac, parking areas, and to install a latrine at Four Corners Fishing Access Site, located on the Dry Creek Road, three miles east of Manhattan, Montana.

Montana Environmental Policy Act

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) to assess significant potential impacts of a proposed action to the human and physical environment. In compliance with MEPA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed for the proposed project by FWP and released for public comment on October 1, 2007.

Public comments on the proposed project were taken for 30 days (through October 31, 2007). The EA was mailed to 25 individuals and groups; legal notices were printed in the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*, and the *Helena Independent Record*; and the Draft EA was posted on the FWP webpage: http://fwp.mt.gov//publicnotices/

Summary of Public Comment

There were seven comments received on the proposed project. All of the comments were favorable, and they all supported the preferred Alternative B.

<u>Final Environmental Assessment for the Four Corners Fishing Access Site Boat</u> Ramp Proposal

There are no modifications necessary to the Draft Environmental Assessment based on public comment. The Draft Environmental Assessment, will be adopted as the Final Environmental Assessment.

Decision

Based on the Environmental Assessment, public comment, and the need for providing access and parking improvements at Four Corners Fishing Access Site, it is my decision to proceed with the development project.

I find there to be no significant impacts on the human and physical environments associated with this project, other than the expansion of this facility and the increased accommodation of the recreating public. Therefore, I conclude that the Environmental Assessment is the appropriate level of analysis, and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

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